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A mixed picture for the Bank Holiday weekend

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After the chilly, wintry weather earlier this week, it will become warmer for the weekend with most places seeing sunny spells, but with rain for some too.

Over the next few days temperatures will recover closer to what we'd expect for late April as the winds change from a northerly to a southerly direction, with daytime maximums in the low to mid teens Celsius. We'll also see a rise in night time temperatures with most places becoming frost free.

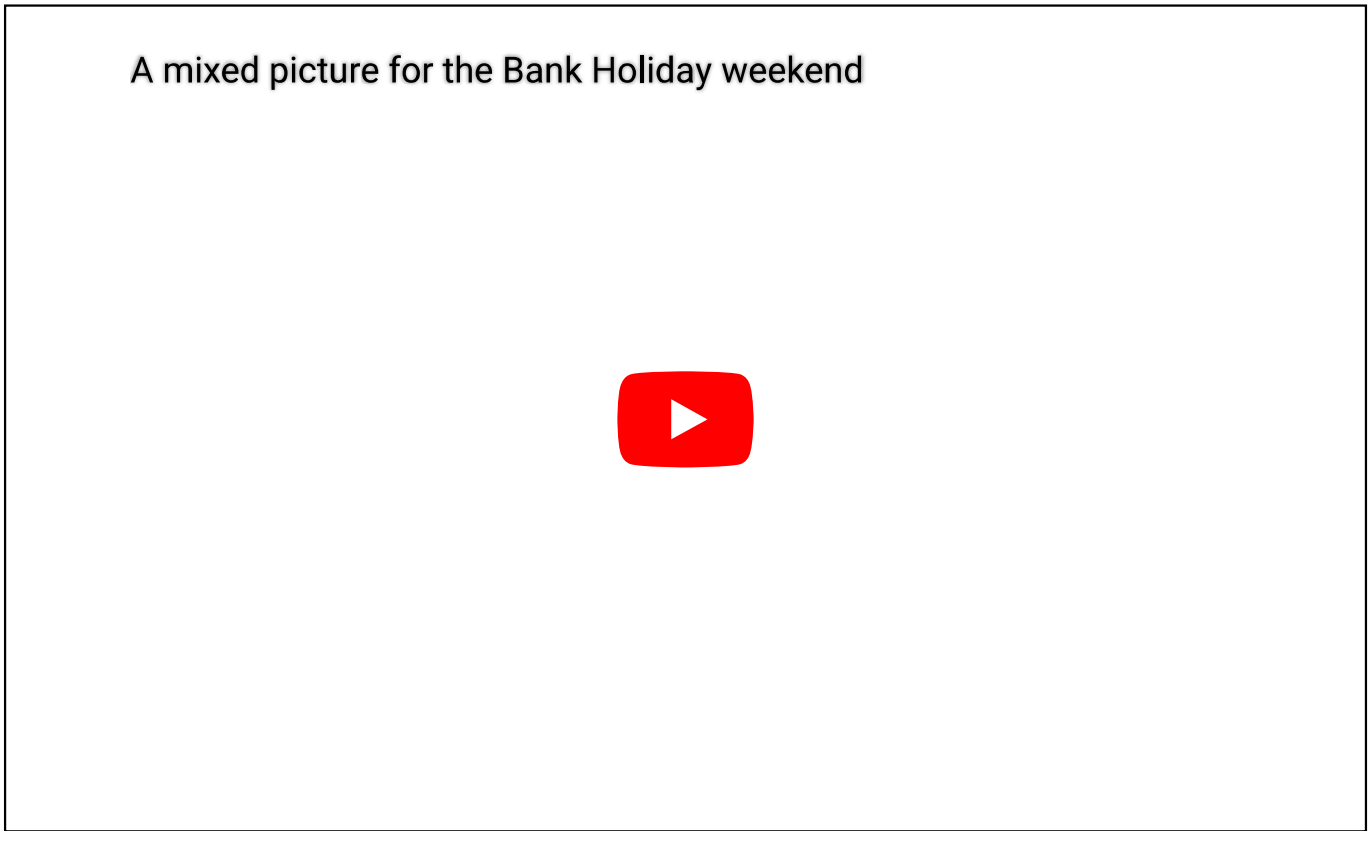
Going into the weekend, many places will be dry and fine with bright or sunny spells and just a small risk of a shower, mainly across Scotland and Northern Ireland. A strengthening southerly wind will develop across the west of the UK on Saturday ahead of a band of rain which will arrive on Sunday.

On Sunday, the best of the dry, bright and sunny weather will most likely be across Scotland, parts of northern and eastern England with perhaps the odd shower. Deputy Chief Meteorologist Jonathan Smith said: "It looks as though

outbreaks of rain in the southwest of England and Wales will spread northeastwards through the day with some heavy bursts possible, perhaps not reaching northern England until later. It will also turn windy, particularly across the west of the UK." Temperatures will be around average, feeling warm in sunny spells, particularly across the northwest of the UK.

Moving into Bank Holiday Monday, the band of rain will continue to move northeastwards across the UK, but becoming lighter and patchier and clearing during the day with the wind also easing away from the coast. Jonathan added: "There is some uncertainty in the forecast for Bank Holiday Monday; although it looks like there will be some dry, bright spells as the band of rain clears, some places may stay rather cloudy with showery rain. Given the uncertainty, if you have plans for the weekend I'd advise checking the latest weather forecast before heading out."

Alex Deakin, meteorologist and presenter explains more about the uncertainty in the forecast in the video below:



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